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Attorney Docket No. 21465-508 UTIL

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/767,899 Confirmation No. 6163  
Applicant : Jan Berka, *et al.*  
Filed : January 28, 2004  
TC/A.U. : 1645  
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned  
Docket No. : 21465-508 UTIL  
Customer No. : 35437  
For : **BEAD EMULSION NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the June 1, 2004 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before January 1, 2005. A check in the amount of \$1,080.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21465-508 UTIL, Customer Number: 35437. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Date: December 14, 2004

Respectfully submitted, •

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